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Largest Telescope in the World
A Trip Up Mt. Wilson

By HERB SUMMERS, Torrance

Some evening this summer, plan to go up Mt. Wilson for first, the trip and second, to see and learn about the largest telescope in the world. If you cannot spare an evening, a week-end up there is a glorious one.

among which is the spectro-heliograph, a remarkable device for photographing the sun's image with any color or spectral line desired. A great deal of valuable work has been done with this instrument by Dr. Walter S. Adams, the director of the observatory. Dr. S. John has also done some fine work, principally on sun-spots.

Back on the hill a few yards away from the solar instruments is the 60-inch telescope. This is the one which you will look into. It, as well as the huge 100-inch, is a reflector. That is, instead of a lens, there is a concave mirror, 60 inches in diameter, on which the light from a star falls, whence it is reflected to a focus at the eyepiece. Thus the light passes through nothing, and none of the rare rays are lost.

Following a honeymoon trip on the yacht, Corsair, and a short visit with Mr. Blaine's mother, the young couple will make their home in Los Angeles.

Miss Geneva Tower Becomes Bride of Neil Blaine Friday

LOMITA.—Miss Geneva Tower of New Orleans, La., and Neil F. Blaine were married Friday afternoon by the Rev. Warren, at the Methodist Episcopal chapel in Santa Ana.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. A. S. Clark of New Orleans. Herbert W. Tower, of Pasadena, the bride's brother, was best man. Mrs. J. W. Thompson, another sister, was the only other witness.

Mrs. Blaine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Tower, of New Orleans, first met Mr. Blaine when he visited the southern city on business connected with the Bloomfield Oil Company, of which he is chief engineer and vice-president.

Recent Bride Is Shower Honoree at Lomita Party

Mrs. Robert Houghtaling Presented Many Pretty Gifts

LOMITA.—Mrs. Robert Houghtaling, nee Anita Meers, Lomita's latest bride was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower, with Miss Marguerite McCartney and Miss Marie Meers as co-hostesses. The affair was held at the home of Miss McCartney, on Cypress street.

Guests who enjoyed an evening of music and games, and who presented Mr. and Mrs. Houghtaling with beautiful gifts, included: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fisel, Miss Elizabeth Applin, Miss Dorothy Douglas, Miss Phyllis McCarty, Miss Juanita Mencham, Miss Louise Fite, Miss Zora Crawford, Miss Irene Holm, Frank Willson, Eustace Long, and Ralph Ruffrage.

'Jimmy' Fletcher and Arizona Girl Are Wed Saturday

LOMITA.—Miss Margaret E. Anderson of Phoenix, Arizona, and James E. 'Jimmy' Fletcher were married Saturday afternoon in St. John's Episcopal church, Los Angeles. The service was read by the Rev. Bailey in the presence of seventy-five relatives and friends.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Anderson of Phoenix, Arizona, and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest V. Fletcher of Redondo boulevard, pioneer residents of Lomita. 'Jimmy,' popular with the younger set, graduated from Narbonne High school in June, 1928. Following a honeymoon trip to San Francisco, the newlyweds will be at home in Southgate, where Mr. Fletcher is employed with the Firestone Rubber Company.

Civil War Veteran, Nearly 91, Answers Last Call in City

Following an illness of three weeks, caused by heart trouble, Rufus Parker Smith, nearly 91 years old, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Tina King at 2287 Carson street July 28.

A veteran of the Civil War, Mr. Smith served three years with the 17th Illinois and was wounded at the battle of Corinth. His wife died four years ago and since that time he has lived with his children. Mr. Smith is survived by Mrs. King, of Torrance; a daughter in Glendale, Calif.; and two sons, one of whom lives in Fillmore. Mr. Smith was commander of Pollock Post, G.A.R., at Marion, Kansas, for many years. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at White's funeral chapel in Los Angeles with Rev. R. A. Young of Torrance officiating. Interment followed at Oakdale cemetery, Glendale.

Revenue Collector Will Move Offices

Galen H. Welch, collector of internal revenue, announced today that his office will move Saturday, August 2, to 929 South Broadway. Collector Welch will occupy the entire second floor and a part of the third floor at this new location. These floors have been entirely remodeled to suit the needs of the service and will make light, airy quarters, well located and arranged for the convenience of the public.

The collector's office will open for business at 8:30 a.m. Monday, August 4th, at his new address, 929 South Broadway. The telephone number will remain the same, Mutual 7381. A complete new phone switchboard has been installed with lines to every division and section. The collector's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, closing at 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

LOMITA Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Mathers of Oak street are spending some time in Lytle Creek canyon. They were joined over the week-end by Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. G. Ross.

Mrs. Martha Jones and daughters, Gladys and Peggy, have returned to their home in Homestead, Pa., after a visit of several weeks with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Myerscough, of 25th street.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Patterson of Weston street were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson of Hollywood, former neighbors in Pittsburgh, Pa.

F. P. Powers of Allie street has returned from a month's stay in the mountain region of northern California, greatly improved in health.

Local members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, who attended the County Council at Santa Monica Friday evening, were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. McClary, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Erickson, Mrs. Herman Forsythe and N. V. Sanford.

Miss Frida Bossard of Nebraska is a houseguest of her sisters, Mrs. Steve Spanan of Star street and Mrs. Andrew Spanan of Sun street.

Following a slumber party, Saturday, Mrs. W. H. Crowley entertained the following guests at an early morning swim and breakfast: Mrs. Herbert Caver, Mrs. Gerald Crossland of Ontario, Mrs. Mike Mucklow and Misses Maxine and Telma Mucklow.

Chairmen appointed to secure members for the new organization formed to bring about the early improvement of Weston street are C. H. Quandt, Torrance, Frank Laski, Lomita, and A. T. Asplittle, Harbor City. A Wilmington man will be named later.

Mrs. Carl Schulz of Woodard street is home from the Torrance hospital following several days of general treatment.

G. R. Jones of Cypress street and Mr. Phelps of San Pedro left Wednesday on a hunting trip to the Hyder Ranch, 40 miles north of Maricopa. An enthusiastic hunter, Jones is sure to get the 'limit.' While the men are away Mr. Phelps' daughter is the guest of Mr. Jones' mother.

EPWORTH LEAGUE HAS PICNIC PARTY SATURDAY

LOMITA.—Local members of the Epworth League who enjoyed the boat ride and picnic supper given by the Gardena district Saturday evening included: Edna Higgins, Frances Morris, Edith Milligan, Ida Evans, Dorothy Cross, Margaret Robinson, Helen Johnson, Maurice Almon, Elmer Higgs, Lowell Benfer, Floyd Higgs and Earl Almon.

NEWS AND NONSENSE IN THE P. E. SHOPS

Louie Dossi and Tony Zamperini have just returned from Pittsburgh where they have enjoyed a month's vacation. Tony says that it was so hot back there that it took fifty pounds of ice to cool one quart bottle of water, I think he said.

A. O. 'Swede' Anderson, the most energetic young man in the shops, has a new gas now. The other evening his wife asked him to mow the lawn, but the poor man had worked hard and he was tired. He told his wife that he had carried big pipe all day.

Frank Thompson left for Vancouver last Saturday for his two weeks' vacation. It is rumored that it will take about three good men to keep up Frank's work while he is away.

Stuart Johnson, the boy who tore his pants, has suddenly decided not to go to Ogden, Utah, on the Rod and Gun club outing. Wagl street is betting 2 to 1 that there is a girl at the bottom of it.

Miniature golf has Arden Miller under its spell now. The reason, Miss Miller is so happy these days is because she made it around a course the other night in less than a hundred strokes.

We are all very sorry to see Sid Hill leave us. Sid has gone to Utah to become a sheepherder. His place on the ball team will not be easy to fill.

Our old friend, Jack Husbands is back with us again. Jack has been driving a truck between Los Angeles and Arizona. He says the scenery becomes very monotonous after thirty or forty trips.

Al Rice, foreman of the Air Road, is back after spending two

Lomita Pythians Receive Surprise Visit of Officers

LOMITA.—The local Knights of Pythias lodge received a surprise visit, last Monday evening, from a number of Supreme and Grand officers of the order.

During the evening the rank of knight was conferred on M. Stein of San Pedro and Val Brown of Lomita. Members of San Pedro, Torrance, Wilmington, Los Angeles, Long Beach and Redondo Beach lodges were present, and distinguished visitors included Grand Chancellor Harry W. Falk, superior judge, of Eureka; junior past grand chancellor, Lee D. Matthews of Los Angeles; grand prelate, Dr. M. Z. Ellis of Long Beach; past supreme representative, L. A. Gilbert of Los Angeles; and district deputy grand chancellor, Tom L. Hicks of Long Beach; district deputy grand chancellor, Ray Dimon of San Pedro, and district deputy grand chancellor, R. L. Barton of Long Beach.

Well Known Seaman Succumbs To Illness

LOMITA.—Funeral services were held in San Pedro yesterday for Fred Neuman, master mariner, who died Tuesday at the General Hospital in that city.

Neuman, aged 64, was born in Austria in 1871. He was a member of the San Pedro Seaman's Union and was active in the union's efforts to improve the lot of the seaman. He was married to Mrs. Gertrude Neuman, nee of Mrs. Winnie Carlsen, former Lomita resident; and by his mother and sisters and brothers in Germany.

Mrs. H. C. Anderson Has Birthday Party

LOMITA.—Mrs. Herbert Stuetz of South Figueroa street entertained at dinner Thursday in honor of the birthday of her mother, Mrs. Hans C. Anderson of Star street.

Pink and white were combined in the decoration of the table at which places were marked for Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Elizabeth and Frank Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Stuetz.

Chautauqua Speaker Enroute Back Here

LOMITA.—Charles H. Poole of 3145 Almond street, who has just completed Chautauqua engagements in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and South Dakota, is enroute to his home here via Yellowstone National park.

Mr. Poole is expected to occupy the pulpit at the First Baptist church in San Pedro next Sunday evening, when the First Methodist and First Baptist churches will hold a union service.

LONG BEACH PICNIC

LONG BEACH.—A picnic group at Long Beach Friday which was chaperoned by Mrs. William Maher of Star street included, Elizabeth Anderson, Frank Anderson, Herbert Woods, Tommy Woods, Billy Maher and Gordon Woods, Jr.

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Estimate Uncle Sam to Pay Pensions Until 2033

In the event of no more wars Uncle Sam should be through paying pensions to war veterans of active service or their widows by the year 2033, it is estimated, based on pension office statistics, compiled at national headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign War of the United States run true to form.

With recent adoption by congress of a world war service pension, foregone by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as a major legislative objective for the past several years, it is revealed there are still nine widows of veterans of the war of 1812 on the pension rolls of the government.

Widows of veterans of the Revolutionary, Civil and Spanish-American wars were subsequently granted pensions and the 1930 national encampment of the V.F.W., to be held at Baltimore, August 31-September 5, is expected to urge similar recognition for the widows of world war veterans.

In Year 2008 Records reveal that Daniel Spencer, last surviving veteran of the Revolutionary war, died in 1854, seventy-one years after the close of that conflict. Hiram Cronk, last survivor of the war of 1812, died in 1906, ninety years after the close of that war. Owen Thomas Edgar, Washington, D. C., last surviving veteran of the war with Mexico in 1846, died in September, 1929, eighty-one years after that war came to an end.

From these figures, it is conceivable that the last survivor of the Civil war can live until approximately 1955, the last survivor of the Spanish-American war until 1992 and a handful of world war veterans may still be reminding the world for ninety years after the war of 1812 was officially ended, died at the age of 104, an age that comparatively few men attain.

Pension Requirements Striking an average from the above facts, it is found that the last veteran of each major war died about eighty-one years after hostilities ceased. This would bring the last survivor of the Civil war to 1916, of the Spanish-American war to 1933 and the world war to 1939.

These predictions in reference to world war veterans are based on the presumption that eventually Uncle Sam will substitute a general service pension for the so-called disability allowance granted in the recent amendment to the world war veterans' act. In order to secure compensation under the new legislation, the veteran who is unable to trace his disabilities direct to world war service origin must be judged at least twenty-five percent permanently disabled in order to draw the munificent sum of \$300 per month. The veteran fifty percent disabled receives \$18.00 per month; \$24.00 for seventy-five percent disability and \$30.00 for total disability.

EIGHT YEARS AGO IN TORRANCE

As Told by the Files of This Paper

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OLD DERRICK STORY IS PUBLISHED IN PENN.

From 'way back in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, there came an echo this week of the story published July 24 in the Herald about the old rickety wooden oil derrick built 38 years ago by E. J. Doherty. A copy of The Morning Sun published in the Pennsylvania city carried a three-column cut of the photograph of the old well and the story stated that it 'was removed to the Doheny plant at Torrance, Calif., where it will remain as a relic.' The picture was prominently featured and undoubtedly carried considerable good publicity for this city to the residents in Old Penn.

New La Fresa Station Equipped

(Continued from Page 1) points on the Edison transmission system and serve the Los Angeles metropolitan area. The station is Linking Station. Approximately \$43,000 is being expended for the expansion of facilities at the Laguna Bell station. The cost of the additions just completed at the La Fresa station in Torrance was about \$200,000. Construction of the La Fresa plant and the installation of the original 100,000 horsepower of capacity there, together with the construction of new transmission lines and switching equipment, cost approximately \$3,545,000. The new transmission line links the La Fresa station, newest of the major switching stations, with the Light-Jump station between Compton and the company's 65,300 horsepower steam-electric generating station on Terminal Island, Long Beach.

Provision was made in the construction of the La Fresa station for the installation of two such condensers as the one which has just been ordered, antcipating the continued growth of demands on the station from the territory northwest of the Long Beach station. This area includes the Torrance, Redondo Beach, El Segundo and Inglewood sections and the entire Santa Monica Bay district. The completion of the new station marked the first instance of locating a primary distribution point away from the general north and south line of the Edison high-voltage system, extending from the series of hydro-electric plants of the Big Creek-San Joaquin River area of Central California to the steam station at tidewater.

In adding 100,000 new horsepower to the capacity of the Laguna Bell station, which is one of the principal switching points on the 'back-bone' of the transmission and distribution system, another large area, to the north and east, will derive the benefits of added facilities, Mr. Ward said. This area includes the Vernon, Montebello, Compton districts, the Los Angeles wholesale services and service to the oil field territory north and east of Long Beach. The Laguna Bell station also is one of the high voltage stations feeding electric energy into other stations that serve the company's territory east of Los Angeles.

State Picnics

IOWA The Iowa Association of Southern California has made arrangements to stage a Golden Wedding Pageant in connection with the annual summer outing at Long Beach all day, Saturday, August 9, in Bixby Park.

John G. Spielman is chairman of the special committee and will arrange for every couple that has lived in Iowa and has been married fifty years or more to take part. They will have a reserved section and all take dinner together and then go to the platform during the program hour.

OHIO All who ever lived in Ohio are invited to meet for the picnic reunion, all day Saturday, August 2, in Bixby Park, Long Beach. There will be county registers and headquarters so all can find the old neighbors.

There will be a brief program opening about two o'clock but the main purpose will be to have a good time. All the tourists and visitors from the old home state are invited as well as our residents.

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LOMITA K. OF P. HOLD ENTERTAINMENT MONDAY

Declaring an early adjournment, members of the Torrance Knights of Pythias closed their meeting here Monday night in order to attend the Lomita lodge where visitors from all over the district were present to welcome head officers from the northern part of the state. A very enjoyable time was provided by the Lomita lodge, if was reported.

TO ATTEND CONCERT

Thirty-five members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their friends will attend the 27th Hollywood Bowl concert tonight, according to Rev. R. A. Young, who has made arrangements for the Torrance party to occupy a section in the outdoor amphitheatre.

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